Implementation of approved prices of drugs

*86. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2065 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that apart from the instances indicated a number of other instances of overcharging of prices and marketing without price approval have come to the notice of his Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon;

(c) what are the prices fixed for drugs and formulations involved and what prices were charged by the producers; and

(d) what are the names of the companies which have not yet complied with the approved prices?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) The only other instance which has come to the notice of the Government relates to overcharging of price of Rifampicin by M/s. Krupa Traders, Bombay. The company was issued show cause notice on 2nd July, 1990 for the alleged violation.

(c) and (d) The price fixed by the Government for Rifampicin is Rs. 3500/- per kg. and this company was overcharging the price by Rs. 700/- per kg.

Revision of assessed amounts due from drug companies

*87. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 720 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether amounts of unintended benefits due have been communicated to all the drug companies involved in the Supreme Court case after review;

(b) if so, when and what are the revised amounts which have been assessed after review:

(c) what is the time period given to each company within which the amount is to be deposited;

(d) whether his Ministry has found earlier assessment as under assessed after scrutiny;

(e) if so, what is the difference in each case and what are the reasons for the same;

(f) whether any of the companies has deposited any further amount; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what action is being taken for not complying with the Supreme Court judgement?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Liabilities of the drug companies involved in the Supreme Court case as assessed on a tentative basis after review upto 31st December, 1983 have already been communicated to the companies.

(b) to (e) An Annexure giving the tentative amounts as assessed by the Special Team and the amounts now assessed tentatively after review is attached. The process of assessing the final liability is in progress.

(f) and (g) M/s. Ethnor Ltd. have since deposited a further sum of Rs. 2.19 lakhs. Action would be taken against the companies involved only after finalising their liability upto 1983.